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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures were near normal during the first two days of the week, but unseasonably cold weather prevailed thereafter. Wind movement was rather light. There was considerable cloudiness, but little precipitation of consequence. The ground is well covered with snow over the northern portion of the State, but snow cover is patchy or thin in the south.

CROPS Most of the wheat is still covered with snow but is rather light in the southern half of the State. Snow covering is heavy in the Panhandle, north of the river, but light south of the river. While light, the snow covering is about ample to protect the crop from the low temperatures. The final estimate of the 1955 wheat crop is 25 bushels per acre, down a half bushel from the previous estimates but still the highest yield of record.

There is a little corn in the western part of the State that was not harvested prior to the snow. Considerable corn is being shipped into the State for feeding. The final estimate of corn for all purposes totaled 95,200,000 bushels or 41 per cent of last year's production. A total of 85 million bushels were harvested for grain or 45 per cent of the amount harvested for grain last year. The production fell below earlier estimates because considerable acreage was not harvested due to low yields.

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Farm auctions of personal property continues in larger volume than a year ago. Prices are lower at most of the auctions, except milk cows, which have been selling at high prices. Some counties are reporting a lower demand for commercial fertilizer. There is still a good demand by farmers for off-farm work. Some farmers are worrying about funds with which to pay taxes, due to the short corn crop and lowered level of prices. Rail shipments of potatoes have been increasing and the total to date of 754 cars is slightly above the number a year ago at this time.

LIVESTOCK Stormy weather with low temperatures during most of December has increased the need of feed for cattle. Some localities are short of hay and forage and further liquidation of cattle may be necessary if unfavorable weather continues. There is much complaint of the low price level of both hogs and fat cattle. Feeders are not replacing cattle in the feed lots.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 1955

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.01
Lincoln	.02
Norfolk	0
Omaha	0
Sioux City	.02

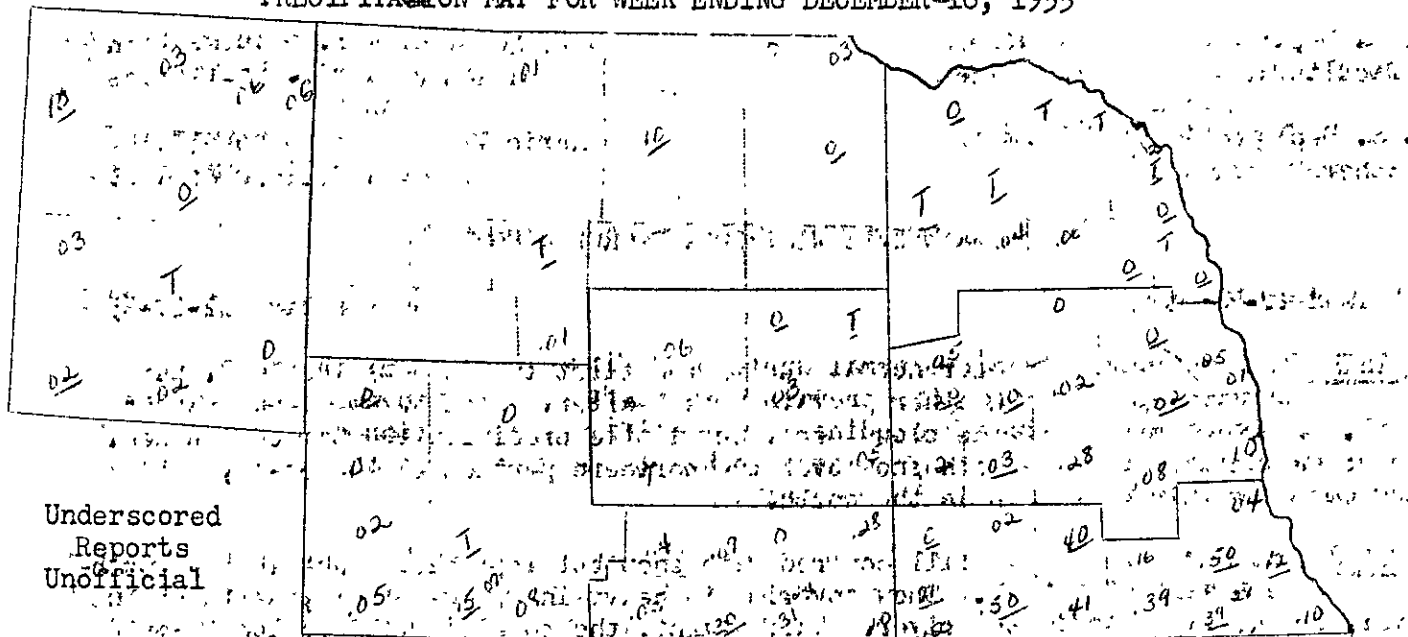
Central Division

Burwell	--
North Platte	0
Valentine	0

Western Division

Chadron	.02
Imperial	0
Scottsbluff	.03
Sidney	.02

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1955



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Dec. 13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	24	29	9	16	6	30	13	28	15	7	-7	7	-2
	Scottsbluff	47	24	39	10	18	2	31	20	38	14	14	4	18	4
	Sidney	49	20	42	14	20	4	28	19	41	14	14	5	26	3
NC	Burwell	32	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	--	12	-2	--	--
	Valentine	43	27	31	-3	15	-6	19	-8	23	8	7	-7	8	-8
NE	Norfolk	30	28	32	14	20	-1	8	-8	23	8	12	-9	12	--
	Sioux City	33	29	33	11	21	0	7	-3	23	7	13	2	13	-8
CEN	Grand Island	33	29	34	12	27	1	14	5	27	13	16	0	16	-3
	Lincoln	33	30	35	22	25	2	16	5	31	14	23	5	20	2
EC	Omaha	31	28	33	17	24	1	12	2	29	8	17	1	17	-4
	Imperial	50	21	35	19	26	6	30	14	48	9	16	7	16	2
SW	North Platte	33	24	30	19	24	-1	19	5	31	8	12	3	12	-3

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